

Angling Road School Family Newsletter

Welcome to the week of October 20, 2008

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Angling Road Mission Statement: The teachers, staff, & parents of Angling Road School will educate our children to be confident, caring citizens, ready for the responsibilities & challenges of the future.

Parents-Please help! We are having a difficult time right now with week-end paint graffiti on the I-94 wall & paint ball fights! If you drive by school & see anything suspicious, please contact the Portage Police Department. Thank you to Olivia Smith, Wyatt Cunningham, and Daniel Kellberg for cleaning up paint ball messes last weekend. We had more paint ball problems last Monday night! Thanks for helping us keep our school grounds safe for our children!

CALENDAR DATES: Please return Road Rally pledge donations as soon as possible. We appreciate all students participating in our fundraiser & our PTO for organizing this event!

- October 17: Friday POPCORN SALES, \$0.25 during lunches
- October 17: PIZZA NIGHT- 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- October 21: MEAP ELA Session 2 with 3rd, 4th, 5th grades
- October 23: MEAP SCIENCE 5th grades
- October 24: "Dreams Come True When You're Drug Free!" WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS TO SCHOOL! (Please, appropriate PJ's!)
- October 27: "Living Drug Free is No Sweat" WEAR SWEATPANTS/SWEATSHIRTS TO SCHOOL
- October 28: "Drugs Turn You Inside Out!" WEAR YOUR CLOTHES INSIDE OUT TODAY! (Oops, after Picture Retakes!)
- October 28: School Picture Retakes
- October 29: "Drugs Stink!" WEAR CRAZY OR MISMATCHED SOCKS!
- October 30: "Use your Head, Don't Do Drugs" CRAZY HAIR/WIG DAY
- October 31: "Say BOO to Drugs!" WEAR RED TO SCHOOL AND THEN CHANGE INTO YOUR COSTUME FOR THE PARADE & PARTIES!
- October 31: All School Halloween Parade, 2:15 p.m. Class parties after the parade!
- October 29-November 12th: Kalamazoo Institute of Arts Art Reach Display "Legacy and Promise" will be on display in the media center. This is sponsored by Educations for the Arts.
- November 14-26: SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AT ANGLING ROAD! The Book Fair will also be available during Parent/Teacher Conferences November 24 & 25. Details coming soon.
- November 24: PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES from 5:00-8:00 p.m. (This is a regular day of school for all students.)**
- November 25: ½ Day of School for students with dismissal at 11:57 a.m. PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES, 1:00-4:00 p.m., and 5:00-8:00 p.m.**
- November 26: No School for students.
- November 27-28: Thanksgiving Recess

Check out the FABULOUS ANGLING ROAD DECALS for your car windows, bikes, - \$3.00 each! Angling Road Decals will be available at Pizza Night on Friday. We will

also be selling them from the office so stop by and pick one up! Wait until you see them! They are GREAT! Thanks to Jodie & Matt Corliss (Ryan & Jessica Beadle) and their business Corliss Signs for designing and making these for us! \$3.00 each.

Counselor's Corner ☺ We will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 23-31. This is an event to promote a drug free lifestyle. We are asking parents to donate a large, wide spool of red ribbon by Oct. 17th so we can decorate our campus. We are also looking for happy gardeners and landscapers to help us plant 100 red tulip bulbs on Oct. 24th. If you are interested in helping with this event please contact Mrs. Figueroa @ 323-6075 or cfigueroa@portageps.org. Thanks to Mr. Rathburn for helping with our CREW bulletin board – Our CREW Board is awesome!

CHANGES IN END OF THE DAY ROUTINES: If your child's after school routine will change, please be sure to communicate this to your child and to your child's teacher prior to the school day that will be effected. The school secretaries can be overwhelmed by parental phone calls at the end of the school day requesting change in schedule information be relayed to students. These last minute exchanges of information can result in confusion, mistakes, and possible unsafe situations for all involved. **Please provide teachers with a written explanation of any changes in your child's schedule that will be taking place and review the change with your child prior to sending him/her to school. Changes in bussing can only be made with advanced written authorization from the parent and approval from the Transportation Department. Please contact the Transportation Department (323-5151) a minimum of 24 hours in advance of requested changes in bussing.**

Portage Community Center Offers Free Tutoring: The Portage Community Center offers a free tutoring program to students in grades K-12. Students are able to have a one-on-one tutoring session with a volunteer tutor once a week. To enroll, contact Tia for elementary school tutoring or Ruth for middle and high school tutoring at the Portage Community Center (323.1942) to receive a tutoring packet. According to the PCC, the top three reasons for tutoring are: to help students complete homework assignments, improve study skills and test scores, and achieve higher grades.

FALL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES – We are scheduling Parent Teacher Conferences. If you would like to meet with additional staff members, including Mrs. Emerson, Mrs. Figueroa, Mrs. Minnard, Mrs. Russel, Ms. Split, and Mr. Zerban, please call the school office at 323-6000 to schedule conference appointments. We look forward to 100% participation in Parent/Teacher Conferences. We value talking with parents/guardians about your student's school success and ways we can work together to benefit your child during this school year.

CONFERENCES DATES:

Monday, November 24: Full day of school for students Conferences: 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, November 25: ½ day of school for students with dismissal at 11:57 a.m.
Conferences: 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 and 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, November 26: No school for students

Parents-thanks for returning your Parent/Teacher Conference slips. You will be getting your conference dates and times this week. Thanks for returning the confirmation slips as soon as possible-our intention is to give all parents their first choice of times/dates. See you in November!

ANGLING ROAD SCHOOL DIRECTORIES WILL BE HERE by October 27th! Thank you to our PTO for helping us with the School Directory. **Cost- \$2.00 each.** Please send your money to school with your son/daughter and we will send home a school directory!

